

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 23, line 8 with the following:

Turning now to Figures 16-20, an illustrative method of retrieving the blood clot filter device 104 of Figure 14 using the retrieval apparatus of Figure 15 will now be described. In a first position illustrated in Figure 16, the retrieval apparatus 104 is shown advanced via a femoral approach into a blood vessel V (*e.g.* the inferior vena cava) adjacent the blood clot filter device 104. With the retrieval apparatus 138 advanced to the site of the blood clot filter device 104, the clinician next advances the inner member 144 distally towards the apical head 106 of the blood clot filter device 104. In a second position illustrated in Figure 17, the inner member 144 is shown advanced to the apical head 106, causing the bulbous tip 152 ~~[[106]]~~ to engage the apical head 106.